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Dear Mr Gibson

Thank you for your letter regarding access to waterways adjoining Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs). I appreciate the reasons that promoted you to write and I apologise for the delay in responding.

Central Tablelands Local Land Services have undertaken a field investigation of the issue you have raised and have determined that the fence and gateway restricting access to the Fish River corridor is across Crown Land and not Delaney's Falls Travelling Stock Reserve. Local Land Services has removed the lock from the gate and will speak to the neighbouring land manager advising them that Local Land Services is not able to authorise the restricting of access to the land in question.

On the broader issue of the restriction of access to TSRs, I am advised that TSRs are on occasion locked to maintain their integrity by controlling illegal activities including camping, timber removal, firewood collection, motorbike and four-wheel drive use and stock theft. The majority of TSRs have signage which includes a contact number for LLS, should the locked gate cause a problem. These operational decisions may need to be implemented in a short timeframe and consultation with the community is not feasible.

Local Land Services has informed me that they will advise NSW DPI Fisheries of access restrictions to TSRs in the future, to allow Fisheries to update their website. As TSR access is often an operational issue, anglers should continue to be aware of the possibility that access may change before the website is updated.

I trust this is of assistance, however, if you have any further enquiries, I have asked Mr Peter Evans, Senior Land Services Officer to be available to answer any questions you may have. Mr Evans can be contacted on 0438 496 851.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely

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